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In re Application of: ISHIHARA et al

Application No.: Continuation of U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 09/949,091, filed September 10, 2001

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For: IC CARD APPARATUS HAVING PATTERNED INSULATING
LAYER FORMED BETWEEN GATE INSULATING FILM AND
SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER EXCEPT FOR CHANNEL REGION
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE (AS AMENDED)

Prior Art Unit: 2871

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please add the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation application of Application No. 09/949,091, filed September 10, 2001, ^{Pat. 6,593,977} which is a Continuation application of Application No. 09/526,557, filed March 16, 2000, ^{Pat. 6,300,988} the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--